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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2009.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 21-26 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 21-26 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 March 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement (PTO-1468)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is the First Office Action on the Merits of US 10/572,582 filed 13 July 2007. This application is a 371 of PCT/US2004/030986 filed 22 September 2004 which claims benefit of 60/505,264 filed 22 September 2003. Claims 1-20 are cancelled. Claims 21-26 are pending and under examination.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of the species chemotherapy (e.g. claim 25) and siRNA (e.g. claim 26) in the reply filed on 28 October 2009 is acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS statements filed 7/13/2007 and 6/24/2009 have been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 21 is unclear because the claim appears to be lacking an active method step such as a step for contacting or providing and therefore it is unclear what is encompassed by the claims.

Claim 22 recites the limitation "cells provided with DENN-SV " in line 1 and the limitation "cells provided with IG20" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these

limitations in the claim because the base claim 21 does not recite a step of providing cells with either DENN-SV or IG20.

Claim 23 recites the limitation "cells treated with inhibitors of splice variant DENN-SV " in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because the base claim 21 does not recite a step of treating cells with inhibitors of splice variant DENN-SV.

Claim 26 recites the limitation "the inhibitors " in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because neither of claims 22 nor base claim 21 refer to inhibitors.

Additionally, claims 22-26 are indefinite for depending from indefinite claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Al-Zoubi Adeeb M et al in "Contrasting Effects Of IG20 And Its Splice Isoforms, MADD And DENN-SV, On Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha-Induced Apoptosis And Activation Of Caspase-8 And -3" (Journal Of Biological Chemistry, vol. 276, no. 50, 14 December 2001, entire document, made of record in the IDS).

Claim 21 is drawn to a method to regulate cell death and cell replication by modulating expression of human splice variants of IG20 in the cell, the method comprising: (a) increasing cell replication by increasing splice variant DENN-SV to increase cell replication; and (b) increasing cell death and slowing cell growth by increasing splice variant IG20. Claim 22 specifies that cells provided with DENN-SV are resistant to inducers of cell death, and cells provided with IG20 are susceptible to inducers of cell death. Claim 23 specifies that cells treated with inhibitors of splice variant DENN-SV or with increased IG20 undergo cell death. Claim 24 specifies cancer cells. Al-Zoubi Adeeb M et al discloses that IG20 and DENN-SV are different splice variants of the same gene, which was designated IG20. Al-Zoubi Adeeb M et al showed that HeLa cells (which read on cancer cells) stably transfected with IG20 showed enhanced susceptibility to TNF-alpha-induced apoptosis, whereas cells transfected with DENN-SV showed resistance (e.g. pages 47202- 47211), which meets the limitations of Claims 21-24, as written.

Claims 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Efimova Elena V et al: "Differential effects of IG20 and its splice isoform, DENN-SV, on cell proliferation and apoptosis" FASEB JOURNAL, vol. 16, no. 5, 22 March 2002, page A1083, made of record in the IDS).

Claims 21-24 are described above. Claim 25 specifies that cells provided with DENN-SV are resistant to chemotherapy.

Efimova Elena V et al discloses that IG20 is expressed in seven different isoforms in various combinations in both normal and cancer cells and tissues. Furthermore, it is disclosed that HeLa cells transfected with IG20-isoform showed slow growth and enhanced TNF-alpha

induced apoptosis, while the cells transfected with the isoform DENN-SV showed high proliferation and increased resistance to apoptosis. Similar effects were found when cells were treated with vinblastin, etoposide, or gamma irradiation page (page A1083), which meets the limitations of Claims 21-25, as written.

Conclusion

No claims allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CATHERINE HIBBERT whose telephone number is (571)270-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM-5PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on 571-272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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